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SUBJECT: GENERAL SANCAR SPEAKS OUT STRONGLY AGAINST ARMS EMBARGO

1. IN HIS MESSAGE ON MAY 27, FREEDOM AND CONSTITUTION DAY (COMMEMORATING 1960 MILITARY INTERVENTION), CHIEF OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF GENERAL SEMIH SANCAR SPOKE AT LENGTH OF ARMED FORCES' DETERMINATION TO DEFEND ATATURKIST PRINCIPLES AGAINST DOMESTIC EXTREMISTS OF LEFT AND RIGHT. HE THEN WENT ON TO DENOUNCE " THE UNILATERAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE CUTOFF AND EMBARGO APPLIED BY THE U.S." WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH FRIENDSHIP AND WITH ALLIANCE PRINCIPLES AND WHICH HE SAID "IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS DAILY."

2. SANCAR SPOKE OF AN EVIDENT "DESIRE TO SQUEEZE THE GREAT TURKISH NATION INTO A CORNER, DEPRIVING IT OF ITS NATIONAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS." HE THEN STATED: "HISTORY
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CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE TURKISH NATION DOES NOT GIVE

WAY TO PRESSURE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THOSE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS TO READ THIS HISTORY. THE DEVELOPMENT WE FACE NOW REQUIRES CAREFUL STUDY IN TURKISH POLITICAL HISTORY. ITS CONSEQUENCES CREATE SERIOUS ANXIETY AND IT MUST NEVER BE UNDERESTIMATED. IT IS GREATLY IN OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS TO TAKE MEASURES QUICKLY, WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT, IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING EVENTS, THE FREE WORLD WILL BETTER APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF THE TURKISH NATION, WHICH LOST ITS SONS FOR THE FREE WORLD AND UNITED NATIONS' IDEALS, REGARDING ITS OWN DEFENSE, RIGHTS AND INTEREST."

3. SANCAR STATEMENT WAS GIVEN VERY PROMINENT DISPLAY IN ALL TURKISH MEDIA. I REGARD IT AS A CLEAR WARNING THAT TURKISH RESTRAINT TO DATE IN FACE OF THE ARMS EMBARGO SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION TURKEY IS SOFTENING UNDER U.S. PRESSURE, AND AT THE SAME TIME AS A SIGNAL TO BOTH THE U.S. AND TURKISH CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE TIME FOR RETALIATION IS NEARING.
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